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## **McManus urges tugboat be moved to underwater preserve**

**LANSING** – Sen. McManus today urged cooperation among state agencies to move the Seneca, a sunken tugboat in Lake Superior, to an underwater preserve for use as a recreation resource.

McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, introduced a resolution asking the United States Coast Guard, the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of History, Arts and Libraries to work together to move the tugboat.

“While the loss of this tugboat is regrettable, this presents a great opportunity for thousands of divers, students and history buffs who could use this for education and recreational purposes,” McManus said. “Moving the Seneca would provide many long-term benefits for the state.”

The challenge of removing the Seneca, cleaning it up and sinking it in an underwater preserve will require the cooperation of many entities. The owner of the tugboat is in strong support of the move.

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